



Dear Year 3 Parents,

As we come to the end of this term, I wanted to express my gratitude towards you for all the support I have received in my second year of teaching at St James'.

It has been an absolute pleasure to teach your children over the last 15 weeks and I look forward to welcoming them back into class in January 2023.

Your children have worked incredibly hard and shown brilliant resilience this term as they have transitioned into Key Stage 2. It is now not just about knowing the maths or subject specific terminology, it is about applying that knowledge to problem solving questions and to develop their own critical thinking.

Maths - We started the term with the focus of Place Value (up to 3-digits) and end the term on Multiplication and Division (3s, 4s, and 5s).

Timetables practice over the Christmas holiday would be extremely useful for all children to help them with this mathematical focus next term and consequently in Year 4 when they do their timetables test.

Literacy - Our two class texts have been 'The First Drawing' by Mordicai Gerstein and 'The BFG' by Roald Dahl. As a class we have looked at and created fantasy adventure stories, posters, diary entries and the use of emotive language.

During literacy homeworks please encourage your child not to settle for simple sentences. Next term, we want to extend their vocabulary and enrich their sentence structures.

Science - Our topic this term was 'Animals including humans'. We have covered parts of the body, bones, balanced diet and of course skeletons (animals and humans). Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about their skeletons and our always willing to discover new interesting facts to share with the class.

History - As a class we have loved learning about the Stone Age to the Iron Age this term. I am seeing so many historians in the making. We have covered right up to the attempted invasion of Britain by Julius Caesar in 55BC and learning how fierce and brave Queen Boudicca was!

Art - Our theme was sculpture this term. The children have studied, replicated and recreated their own sculptures of Stonehenge as well as historical artefacts.

Design Technology - This term's topic has been packaging. As a class, we have been looking at all types of packaging and the use of recyclable packaging. We even went on our first school outing of the year to Morrisons to complete a scavenger hunt!

Computing - Within ICT this term we have looked at text and graphics. Focusing on copy and paste, collage, and how text and graphics together communicate meaning. Touch typing skills are still being developed and something that is really simple and easy to practise at home.

It has been a very busy but enjoyable term and I look forward to moving on to including Geography into our weekly timetable next year. Thank you to every parent helper who has

very kindly given up their time to help Year 3. Mrs Stewart, Mrs Deasy and I will continue to push and strive for neat presentation and legible handwriting of an appropriate size next term for all children in Year 3.

I wish you all a very safe Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Best wishes,
Miss Spencer-Boyce

